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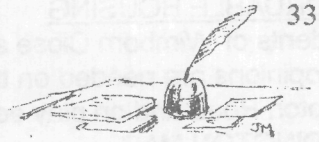

EDITORIAL

The images of smoke and flame against a night sky are apocalyptic. Livestock is not killed, it is 'slaughtered' – a verb with overtones of carnage and massacre. Farmers suffer and rural enterprises are hit hard. Farm animals are largely bred to supply our dinner tables. Sentimentality is inappropriate: sentiment is not. When a farmer is interviewed and talks about the destruction of a herd that represented the husbandry, affection and livelihood of several generations, it is deeply moving. The Parish has no cases of Foot and Mouth but, like all rural communities, we are experiencing the effects of the outbreak. The DN Team contacted farmers within the Parish and we have compiled a report for this issue.

Snow on the first day of spring. The soil is still largely unworkable, gardeners (even Marianne Elsley ?) twiddle their green thumbs and there is nothing for Thelma Dover to report this month from the Satin Lane allotments.

But the Parish has resources. As always, much is happening. Our congratulations to Lynne Stephens on her appointment as permament Head Teacher of the Primary School. Congratulations also to Rick Haslam, the new PC member. The Parish Church congregation says goodbye and thank you to the Revd. David Nicol and his family as they leave to go to David's new parish in Derbyshire. And we welcome the Revd. Dr. Hugh White and his family.

The Parking Audit had to be postponed – the bad weather would have ensured an atypical traffic flow. Jackie Williamson reports that OCC will fund improvements to part of the Deddington/Clifton foot path (long needed), with related financial support from the PC, and the A-Boards debate is under way.

Welcome back to our Clubs Editor, Sylvie Spenceley. We didn't let Daeda's Wood die in your absence, Sylvie ! This month we publish the updated *Good Neighbours Group*, compiled by Jean Flux, and include a flyer for the May 13 Choros Concert in aid of the Library Appeal. Enjoy Easter. Kristin Thompson.

Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 – 12.
Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Fridays: British Legion, Prize Bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm .

APRIL DIARY

Mon	2	Monday Morning Club coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon. (p. 7)
Wed	4	Friendship Club, Easter Lunch, Windmill Centre, 1 pm for 1.30 pm. (p.6)
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Thu	5	Primary School Easter Assembly, Parish Church 10 am. (p.3)
Thu	5	OCC Biennial Meeting with Parish Councils, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Fri	6	Library Fund Raising event, W*ho Said That?* Social evening with quiz, Holly Tree, 8 pm. (p.9)
Tue	10	WI: Mrs B Gray, *"These You Have Loved – or Have Not"*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p. 6)
Wed	11	Deddington History Society: J Leighfield, *Oxfordshire Maps*,Windmill, 7.30 pm.(p. 7)
Wed	18	Friendship Club: Carpet bowls, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Tue	24	**COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**

MAY DIARY

Wed	2	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Wed	2	Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre 7.30 pm.
Tue	8	W I: Resolutions meeting – W I Adviser, Mrs Lynda Conway, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Tue	8	Windmill Centre AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Wed	9	Deddington History Society: talk on Aynho House to be confirmed, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Sat	12	Deddington History Society day-school on Deddington Castle.
Sun	13	*All Creatures Great and Small.* Choros concert in aid of Library, Parish Church 4.30 pm. (p.9)
Mon	14	Monday Morning Club, coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon. (p.7)
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting, AGM. Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat	19	WI cake and produce stall in the Market Place, 10 – 11 30 am. (p.6)
Tue	22	**COPY DATE FOR JUNE DEDDINGTON NEWS.**

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting on 21 March 2001 Town Hall

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Bell, Clarke, Davies, Hart, Haslam, Hill, Newey, Swash, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 4 members of the public.

NEW MEMBER

The Chairman welcomed Rick Haslam, newly elected councillor.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Residents of Wimborn Close are reminded that their opinions are needed on the boundary with Hempton Road and on play equipment.

DEDDINGTON MAP

PC is happy for the first facsimile edition of the Deddington Parish Map to remain in the Parish Church. A design for housing a special edition of the Map under the Town Hall arches will be commissioned, the specification being drawn up in consultation with the Map Group.

PLANNING

PC objections: (i) *Former Deddington Sale-rooms Market Place* – CDC say that the alterations to the front elevation are satisfactory. Clerk to write opposing this bad precedent and reaffirming previously stated objections. (ii) *Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane* – retrospective application for approval of Velux windows in roof of new extension. Clerk to write opposing retrospective permissions in principle and this one in particular, because of intrusiveness to neighbours. (iii) *Bullring Cottage* – new gate onto Tays Gateway. This would be in a dangerous position and in any case cannot be needed because Bullring Cottage and Tays Cottage are required to remain as one property, which already has double gates.

PC no objection: (iv) *No 1, Mill Close* - single storey rear extension. (v) *34 Mill Close* – 2 storey extension at side. (Care should be taken that bedroom window does not overlook neighbours). (vi) *Walnut Tree Workshops, St Thomas Street* – remove dangerous tree, provided it is replaced by another in the same place. (vii) *Nos 1-4 Holly Tree Cottages* (a) fell Lawson Cypress and reduce 2 holly trees (b) alterations to outbuilding attached to No 3. (viii) *Grove Lodge Barn* – revised plans take account of PC's previous objection. (ix) *The Field House, Chapman's Lane* – annexe and conservatory to rear.

CDC approvals: (1) Signs at *Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane*. (2) Porch at *43 Gaveston Gardens*.

Appeal by *Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane*, against restrictions on working hours was refused.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Pros and cons of entering this annual competition were keenly debated. PC in favour, and asks community to show pride in surroundings and make a real effort.

INDUCTION

Publications, briefings, workshops and courses will be used to help keep councillors informed about their duties and responsibilities.

DEDDINGTON COLTS

With 86 members (46 from outside the parish) and 7 teams, the Colts need more pitches. Their officers consider they have a Right to use the DTFC pitch at the Windmill Centre, and have refused various suggestions and offers of help to ease their problems. PC to get together with Colts and DTFC in an attempt to arrive at a reasonable solution.

STONEPIT, HEMPTON

Immediate steps to be taken to register the Stonepit to PC. The Clerk reported that Mr Middleditch's letter [see report of Extraordinary Meeting] still cannot be found.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Rather than consider parking and other traffic problems ad hoc, PC to develop a comprehensive strategy.
- Clerk to check that new lamp standard at The Paddocks meets PC's requirement.
- OCC biennial meeting with Parish Councils, Windmill Centre, 5 April, 7.30pm.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices totalling £2,982.17 were passed for payment. Largest single item was £793.13 for District Audit of 1999/2000 Parish accounts.

Annual contracts: £7,046 KM & J Boss for verge grasscutting; £2,815 DesignGro for maintenance of Castle Grounds; £5,850 DesignGro for maintenance of Windmill Sports Field.

Investments totalled £530,316.37, of which £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.3% variable on 120 days; £4,638.18 @ 3.25% variable on 14 days; £500,000 West Bromwich Building Society @ 5.85% + £4,467.14 @ 2.05% + £741.05 @ 1.85%, all overnight; £500 current.

PC THEN WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Next PC Meeting Wed 18 April 7.30pm T Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday 2 May 7.30pm, Windmill Centre
PARISH COUNCIL AGM
Wednesday 16 May 7.30pm, Windmill Centre

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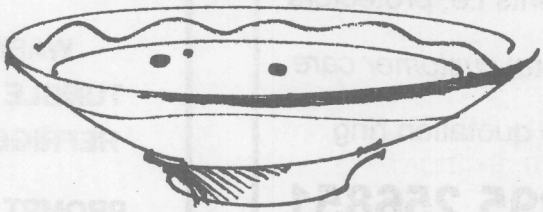

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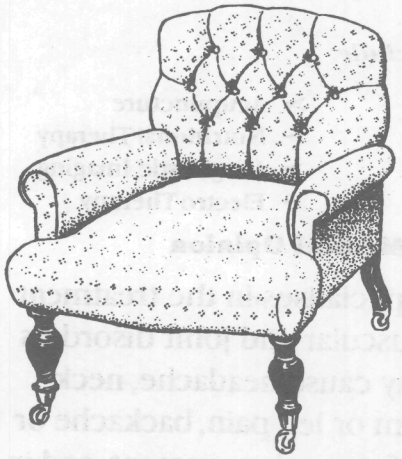

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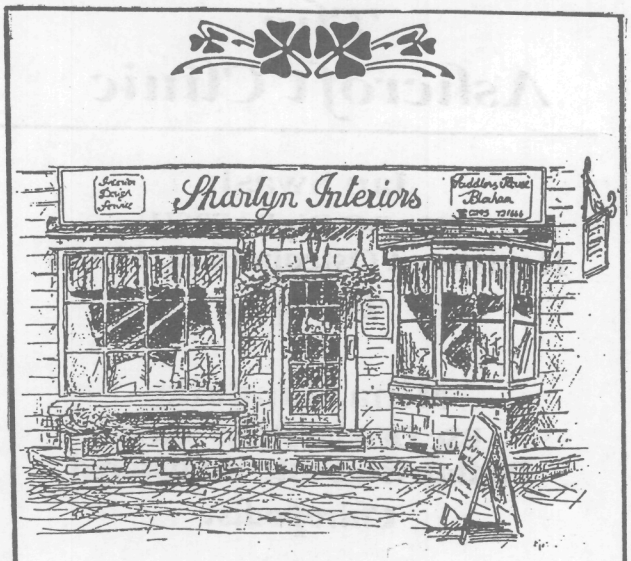

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SCHOOL NEWS

May I first extend my sympathy to all of you who are farmers or whose livelihood depends on the farming industry. We, at school, are thinking of you and have advised the children on how to behave sensibly in the countryside during the present foot and mouth outbreak.

The school term is progressing at breakneck speed. In a few short weeks we shall be holding our Easter Assembly in Deddington Parish Church, on Thursday, April 5 at 10 am. We would be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to attend this service.

This term many of our parents took advantage of our Spelling Evening when we explained our new spelling policy. P.C.Donohue has visited all classes to talk about the many aspects of police work. This has been a welcome re-introduction of the police into the school,

We will be holding a Book Fair from Wed. March 21 to Friday March 23. If you have birthday presents to buy or would just like to browse, please come along from 3.30 pm.

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Walkers crisp packets and Tesco computer vouchers. We are still saving and are grateful for all donations. Register with Sainsbury's and the school can benefit by receiving points each time you use your reward card. We have registration forms in the school office.

LYNNE STEPHENS Head Teacher 338430

(Lynne Stephens was confirmed as permanent Head Teacher by the School Governors last month. Ed.)

GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST – PARISH AND DEANERY MAGAZINES

Lent – what better time to reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us ? Within the confines of "Gleanings from the Past" the only way to do this is to record IN MEMORIAM entries written by the Rev. Boniface between 1883 and 1891.

JAMES STREET, Castle St., aged 53 years "We regret to record the death of James Street, which occurred quite suddenly on Sunday, September 2, 1883. On Saturday night he retired to rest, apparently in his usual health, and on Sunday morning was found dead in bed. He was a member of our congregation, and a man highly respected, especially among his fellow workmen, who as a body, with Mr. Franklin, attended the funeral. He leaves a widow and seven children,"

WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, High St. aged 33 years. "...the sudden death of Mr. Smith took place during a thunderstorm on Friday, July 4, 1884. Mr and Mrs Smith were together on the road-side under a tree, when the electric fluid struck the former, causing instant death...."

JOHN ELL, Market Place, aged 61 years. "On January 29, 1886, there departed this life, somewhat suddenly, one, who by reason of the office which he held, was well-known in the parish, namely John Ell. He was sexton between 14 & 15 years, and discharged the duties of his office with great punctuality ... at the conclusion of the Sunday Evening Service after his funeral, the 'Dead March' was played upon the Organ as a mark of respect."

JESSE EDWARD KILBY, aged 14 years. "On Monday, Oct. 4 1886, the body of Jesse Edward Kilby, who met his death through an accident while at his work, was laid in its last resting place. The funeral was attended by members of the Juvenile Foresters' Benefit Soc., of which he was a member .. An Oak Cross is to be erected in his memory, to be subscribed for chiefly by the boys of the Sunday and Day Schools."

SAMUEL FIELD, aged 83 years. "On December 16 1886, the body of the late Samuel Field Esq. was brought from Basingstoke, and laid in its last resting-place in our Churchyard. Mr. Field was a native of Deddington, and spent the greater part of his life here, where his name will be handed down to posterity, it being inscribed upon the Corner Stone of the National School, which he laid on Easter Tuesday, March 29, 1853."

RUTH JOHNSON

(To be continued next month.)

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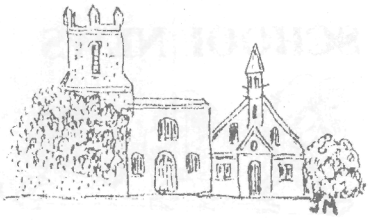

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April Services (Parish Church)

Sun 1 10.30am **Passion Sunday** Sung Eucharist
Wed 4 10am. Hoy Communion
Thu. 5 2pm. Squeals and Wheels (Prams & Toddlers Service)
Sun 8 10 30am. **Palm Sunday** Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms. This will be the Revd. David Nicol's last service in the Benefice. It will be followed by a presentation to David.
Wed 11 10am. Holy Communion
Thu 12 7.30pm. **Maundy Thursday** Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Revd. Dr. E. Newell) followed by Agape and Watch until midnight
Fri 11 Good Friday 10.30am. Hot Cross Bun Service 1.pm. Procession of Witness
2.pm. Service of Devotion 8.15 pm. Sequence of music and readings for Good Friday
Sun 15 10.30 am. **Easter Sunday** Sung Eucharist
Wed 18 10am. Holy Communion
Sun 22 8 am. Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am. Sung Mattins (BCP)
Wed 25 10am. Holy Communion
Sun 29 10.30 am. Sung Eucharist

April Services (St John, Hempton)

Sun 1 9am. Eucharist **Sat 14** 11.30 pm. Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter
Sun 22 6 pm. Evensong

Bible Study Home Group Meetings

Wed April 4 and 18 7.30pm. for 8 pm. at Boulderdyke, Clifton and at 2, The Leyes.

Mothers' Union Meeting.

Fri April 6 2.15pm. 5 Walnut Close, Clifton (Winifred Holt).

The Church Club meets every Monday in **term time** at the Primary School, 3.15–4pm.

('FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS' will resume shortly)

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First Wednesday of the month **(April 4)** 7.30pm., Ecumenical Prayer Group at the Church. On the other 3 Wednesdays there will be Fellowship and Bible Study, 7.30pm. at The Manse, 3 Castle Street.
May 2 7.30pm. Taizé prayer in the Church.
The preacher on Sundays **1, 8, 15 April,** is Pastor Walton. **April 22** Rev. John Goulder
April 29 Mike Graveny

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April 1 10 am. As usual **April 8** As usual. Palms will be distributed at the beginning of Mass in both churches.
April 12 7.30pm. Maundy Thursday (Hethe) Mass of the Blessed Sacrament with subsequent watching till midnight.
April 13 3pm. Good Friday, (Hethe) Liturgy of the Passion and Holy Communion.
April 14 8.30pm. Holy Saturday (Hethe) Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter Day.
April 15 10 am. Easter Sunday. Both churches as usual. **April 22 and 29** Both churches as usual.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

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TRIBUTE

BETTY TAYLOR aged 80 years

Betty Taylor was born in 1921 in Sussex. As a young woman she acted in London Rep and later trained as a secretary. While working in Brussels she met her husband, Leon. They married in 1963 and did tours of duty abroad before retiring to Middle Barton. Here, Betty became active in the local drama group. With Leon's illness, they moved to Deddington and Betty herself finally moved to Featherton House. In spite of her later disability, she helped with make-up for the Pantomime and was a member of the Monday Morning Club and the play reading group. We send our sympathy to her family.

JEAN FLUX

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL Continued.

THE INDUCTION OF THE REVD DR HUGH WHITE PARISH CHURCH March 23 2001

In a Parish Church bare of decoration for Lent, clergy, a congregation of 300 and the building itself played their part in the Service of Induction, which involved public commitment not only from the incumbent-designate, the Revd Dr Hugh White, but also from the congregation. The service is ambulatory, moving from nave to font, to lectern, to the High Altar. Ritual and history are present in the Declaration and Oaths. These are followed by the Deeds of Institution, the mandate of Induction and the Installation. The new Incumbent then causes a church bell to be rung and the Churchwardens greet him saying (on this occasion) 'Hugh, on behalf of the parishes of this Benefice, we welcome you as our Parish Priest'.

The Service ended with Intercessions and a celebration of the Eucharist. It was conducted by the Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester, the Venerable John Morrison, Archdeacon of Oxford, and the Rural Dean, the Revd John Holbrook. The Revd David Nicol participated, the Revd Dr Edmund Newell and the Revd Hazel Scarr were present. Parishioners from all the parishes took part.

In his sermon the Bishop of Dorchester addressed Hugh White – keep your vision large, look beyond the safe and familiar. There are three pastoral areas for the Priesthood to consider: what does it mean to bring Christ to a suffering, a changing, a successful community? Each presents its own challenges.

The occasion was fittingly solemn but friendly. The Revd Dr. Hugh White, in spite of impeccable advice to the contrary, expressed his thanks. After the service there was delicious food provided by kind parishioners, supervised by the Church kitchen team, and palatable wine, courtesy of the PPC. Choir and organist led the whole-hearted singing and Linda Bloxham's settings were used for the Eucharist. The collection goes to the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund.

To co-ordinate so many different elements and to welcome people from so wide an area must have meant much hard, behind-the-scenes logistical work, especially in view of the current Foot and Mouth restrictions. All those present at the Induction will wish to say, thank you. Ed.

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AGE-RELATED FELONY ?

My sister-in-law and I, collecting our suitcases from Basle railway station, Switzerland, on our return from holiday, were confronted by a stern-faced rail employee who refused us collection because of a "very serious" matter. We were ushered into the bowels of the dimly lit cold luggage store, through heavy iron doors, inside the thief-proof department. Some dreadful fate had obviously befallen our belongings. But no, there they were. Why were being treated like criminals ?

"Look at your labels, the date !" the official rasped."February 2000, nearly a year ago, therefore you owe storage dues of SFr 6.- a day for nigh on a year, well over SFr 2000. – each !"

We looked in horror at our tormentor. Was he joking ? He must have seen these cases arrive earlier in the day. Naturally we had no difficulty explaining. Being very thrifty, we had used and re-used our labels, as we always went to the same ski resort, sending our cases by rail (such a helpful service). The old labels had admittedly become stiff with each new official registration paper glued on the back, in payment of dues, but it had saved us a lot of re-writing of addresses. Something had gone wrong this time. The 2001 registration must have come unstuck or never been glued on. Now followed the interrogation and a request to see our identity papers (in my case a British passport ! Might make the situation worse.). We were left, not knowing our fate, while the official summoned his boss. Yet another interrogation, before we completed a lengthy questionnaire and signed, perhaps, our blameless past away. Finally, with a curt nod, we were reprived, as the kind man said: "As you are OLD WOMEN, we have decided to believe your explanation." What a cheek – and he kept our precious labels ! RUTH JOHNSON

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DEDDINGTON W. I. We held our AGM on March 13. The Treasurer reported on a good year with finances in a healthy state. The President commented on the several successes of the past year, notably the Barnsdale and London outings and the memorable 75th Anniversary Celebration. The Committee have worked well together and agreed to stand again for 2001/2. Following the meeting cheese, wine, etc. were much enjoyed.
The new programme begins on April 10 with Mrs Barbara Gray telling us about the many language students who stay with her during their course – 'those you have loved and some that you haven't.' On May 19 there will be a cake and produce stall in the Market Place, 10-11.30 am. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

DEDDINGTON GUIDES It's marvellous to be able to continue to welcome new guides to the unit. And a very warm welcome to our new helper, Lisa Smith. The guides recently enjoyed a trip to the Gang Show in Oxford and came back inspired with ideas for our end-of-term entertainment.
At this time of year we celebrate 'Thinking Day' on the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. It's an opportunity to learn about the lives of guides in other countries. Some guides went to Crystal Palace to join thousands of others taking part in a variety of activities following in 'global footsteps'. All agreed it was a wonderful day. On an international theme, three patrol leaders, Lynsey, Amanda and Heather completely organised a meeting for the younger guides. They took part in quizes and games, had a chance to try on costumes and sample food from overseas. We finished with a brief, moving candlelit ceremony thinking of guides around the world, many far less fortunate than us.
We continue to tackle various challenges leading up to our 30th birthday celebrations in September! Pancake Day did not go unnoticed. We cooked mini-ones over a tin can and a candle. Great fun! Don't forget, get in touch girls of 10-plus. **MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295-810069 GLYNNIS EASTWOOD 01869-337021**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB On February 21 members took part in a noisy but enjoyable Beetle Drive. On March 7 Mr. Paul O'Sullivan led a lively discussion on 'Should we keep the pound?' Great interest was shown. Among many points raised members accepted that dealing in Euros is necessary for big business but were worried it would lead to our being drawn into Europe and losing parliamentary independence and identity. On April 4, we will hold our Easter lunch: 1 pm for 1.30pm **GWEN BOND 337354**

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP The group goes from strength to strength with lots of new members. On March 16 we raised money for Comic Relief with a sale of home-made cakes and biscuits. The children got into the spirit by creating red nose faces on paper plates. Together with the day's subs we donated around £50. Plans in the pipeline include the formation of a babysitting group for members; please see one of the committee if you want to be part of this. Also coming up are a visit from Merry-go-round children's clothes and other stalls on May 18 and, of course, the summer trip! We meet on Fridays 9.30-11.30 am at the Windmill. See you there! **LUCY SQUIRES 338442**

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB
Next season we hope to run an Under-8s team again; further details in the May DN but anyone wishing to register an interest at this stage should contact Ged Rhind on 340402. In their first season together the current **Under-8s** always gave 100% in what is a difficult league. The **Under-9 Colts** have finished in a very respectable mid-table position in their league while the **Under-9 Hawks** are just two places below. In only their second season together the **Under-10** squad of boys and girls are flying high. The weather played havoc with the **Under-11s'** season. And the 'senior' **Under-12s,** though inactive of late, are sitting comfortably mid-table with only a couple of league games to go. Below are the results for the past month.

Under-8s *v. Enstone. away:* Won 2 – 1 (William Lynch); *v. Chipping Norton Swifts, home:* Lost 3 – 1 (Ben Lewis)

Under-9 Colts *v. Langford Eagles, home. Won 1 – 0* (William White); *v.Easington Sports, away.* Lost 3 – 1 (William White); *v. Hook Norton Pumas, home:* Won 4 – 0 (Tama Phethean 2, William White 2).

Under-9 Hawks *v.Bardwell Boys, away.* Won 2 – 0 (Daniel Blount, Joe Szenk); *v. Eynsham. away* Lost 8 – 1 (Luke Gibbs); *v. Charlbury, home.* Drew 0 – 0; *v. Garden City, away:.* Won 2 – 0 (Luke Gibbs, Joe Szenk)

Under-10s *v. Eynsham, home:* Won 3 – 2 (Luc Thornton); *v. Coombe, home:* Lost 1 – 0; *v.Langford Eagles home:* Won 2 – 0 (Luc Thornton)

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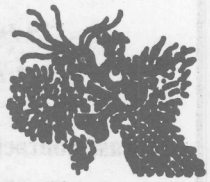

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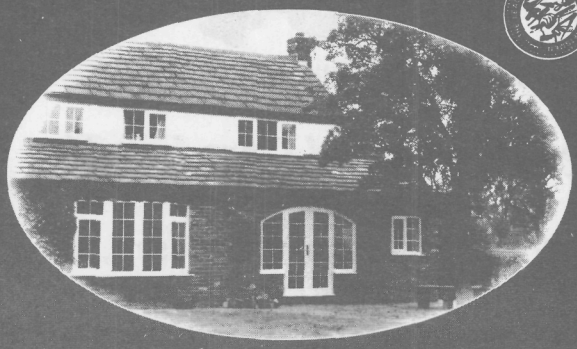

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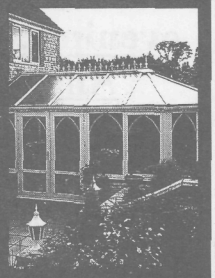

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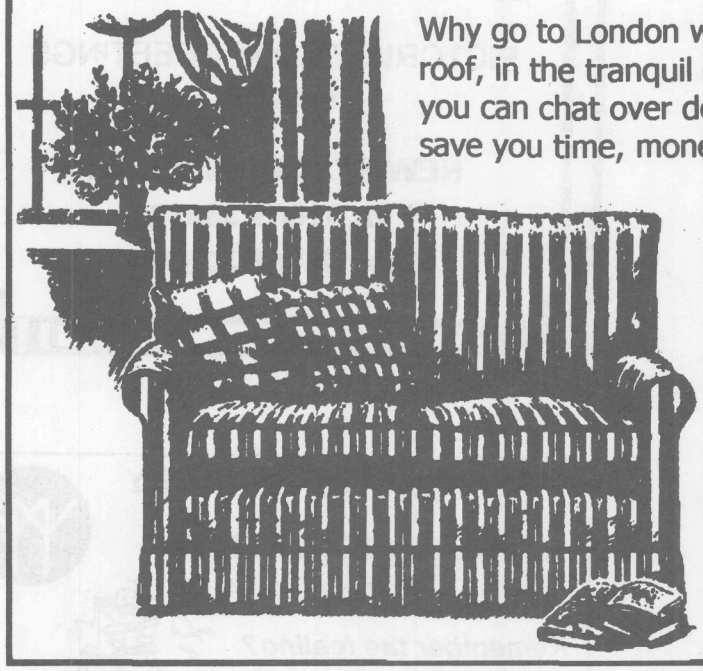

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MONDAY MORNING CLUB The tickets you requested for *West Side Story* at The Apollo on May 30 will be available at the coffee morning on April 2, 10 am to noon. The May coffee morning is on Monday May 14 as May 7 is a public holiday. This is the last day for collecting your tickets for *West Side Story* and *Twelfth Night*.
JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS We are continuing to receive 10% discount from Buckingham Nurseries, Chipping Norton, Goundrey, and (if you spend £10 on plants) Purely Plants. Burford Garden Centre are offering 5% discount and the code number is 001027. **BETTY HILL & THELMA DOVER 337102**

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY Our March meeting was addressed by John Cheney, who held a large and appreciative audience captive with his account of the early history of the family firm of Cheney's of Banbury, printers. John brought with him a large selection of archival material to illustrate his story. Some of it was rare, all of it was of interest, and it was a privilege to be able to examine it at leisure when his talk had concluded. We hope to prevail upon him to tell us about the firm's later history on a future occasion. On April 11 John Leighfield will talk to us about historic Oxfordshire maps. This will again be an opportunity to look at original material, for John possesses one of the finest collections of historic maps in the country, and he will bring several for us to examine. All are welcome to attend.
In June we hope to hold our summer social at Aynho Park. We are therefore trying to find for our meeting on May 9 a speaker who can tell us about the house's history and architecture. On Saturday May 12 we shall hold our day school devoted to Deddington Castle. Please contact us for details. **CHRIS DAY 337204**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
1st Team results Hornton(a) Lost 1-6 Sinclair(a) Lost 2-4 Bishops Itchington (a) (Charity Cup) Lost 2-3
This has been a very difficult month for DTFC in which the Reserve Side now have to fulfill the remaining 1st Team fixtures.This follows the withdrawal of a team from the League. The League's decision is particularly harsh as the Reserve Side were in a good position to gain promotion this season. Reserve team managers Jason Timms and Martin Alexander have generously agreed to take their current Reserve Side and play Premier League fixtures for the rest of the season. Although all three matches have ended in defeat, if you take into account the circumstances the results are quite encouraging, especially the last two matches where the opposition currently stand 1st and 2nd respectively. The performances in these games were that good the team were unlucky not to get anything out of them. Hopefully next month we will gain a much deserved victory. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB Apologies to Joyce Minnear. Last month we credited Roy Hart for our new cupboard by mistake. Many thanks, Joyce, A small typing error last month: our Composite A team is in Div. 2 but now looks certain for promotion to Div. 1. The same for our Men's A. With one game to play they look certain for promotion. If you fancy a game, our season ends on April 24. **MARK TYLER** markt36@hotmail.com

ART GROUP We meet 10–12.30 and 1.30–4pm on Thursdays in the Town Hall for untutored 'life, long or short poses. Cost: £5 per session. A friendly group. **ANNETTE MURPHY 337318 or FRANK PALMER 01608 659330**

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CELEBRATIONS

In September this year the DN celebrates its 25 birthday. We have several events in mind to mark the occasion. These include installing a Desk Top Publishing programme (let's face it, cut-and-paste is pre-Jurassic in the 21st. Century). We also plan a poetry competition for children and adults in connection with another celebratory event. Details of this in the May edition.
Given that modest changes are afoot, we'd like to ask readers for their suggestions. Are there subjects or areas of village life that we don't cover but should ? Would you like extra features – photographs, competitions, puzzles ? (Always bearing in mind that all DN staff are volunteers and have to fit their monthly commitment to the magazine into very busy schedules.) Please find time to write to us with your ideas about **your** magazine. Ed.

"JUST BIN IT" CAMPAIGN 2001 This campaign replaces the National Spring Clean Event. A free kit for all groups registering. For further information contact: Alison McHugh, CDC on 10295 221637 or contact the Tidy Britain Group on 01942 824620 or visit their website: www.tidybritain.org.uk

FOOT AND MOUTH

Whatever use we make of the countryside we have all been affected by the Foot and Mouth outbreak. The DN decided that the best way to record this rural crisis was to contact those most concerned – the farmers and their families. We wanted briefly to know how they were coping with the threat of disease and what effect it was having on their professional and personal lives. The Editorial Team would like to thank all the hard-pressed farmers who responded to our telephone calls. Ed.

Jim Calcutt, College Farm, Hempton. Although clear of infection, he is affected by the current crisis. Both for economic and environmental reasons he tries to feed his sheep on grass. In winter months this means sending some sheep away. He currently has 300 ewes on 'grass keep' charges in Devon. Normally they would come home for lambing but can't now be moved. He still has 120 ewes near here which need moving 650 yards by road to shelter for lambing. Were they only 450 yards from the barn, no movement restriction would apply. As it is, they will have to lamb in the open field. He has moved bales of straw for protection but prospects for lambs born outside in **bad** weather are not good.
He has instituted all normal precautions – closing footpaths and disinfecting. On the whole, he has found local people very understanding; they have voluntarily stayed away. He points out that, although this area is is still clear, precautions are necessary because there are about 15 wild deer grazing here and 'pockets' of horses and cattle. He has another farm at Merton which he cannot visit and farm workers are walking to work. Disinfecting tyres & footwear is good psychologically, because one is doing something, but it takes about 3 hours to disinfect a vehicle properly. Workers at Merton spend about half their day disinfecting - on top of their normal work load.
Usually at this time he is selling corn. Since this would entail lorries coming to his land, he is selling none. Usually he sells about 250 sheep a week. That cash flow has also stopped. He currently has about 400 lambs and 300 ewes on hand that should have been sold. He is having to feed them with 'cake' because of the pressure on grazing. This means that his husbandry methods have been compromised and there is the additional cost of buying 'cake'. For many farmers at present, income is zero, whether their beasts are infected or not. And abattoirs, seemingly, are paying less for the few animals that do reach them.
Jim Calcutt is still cheerful, uncomplaining and was glad to talk about some of the farmers' problems that may not be apparent to the layman.

George and Bryony Fenemore, Home Farm, Clifton. All social activities have been curtailed except for churchgoing. No deliveries are allowed inside the farm gates, even for essential services. The family did not even risk attending a family funeral in Yorkshire. For a while Bryony, who is a nurse, did not feel she should go out to work. When she does go now, she disinfects her clothes. The family disinfects clothes etc. and the car all the time. (See George's normal *On the Farm* article.)

Roger Nobbs, Castle Farm, Deddington, does not have any livestock susceptible to Foot and Mouth, only horses. He has, therefore, not been directly affected. But he is taking the usual precautions, disinfecting footwear and vehicle tyres, if only out of consideration for neighbouring famers who do have livestock.

Peggy Pacey, Park Farm, Deddington, says that supplies of the right disinfectant are hard to come by and it's difficult to get fodder for the animals. But she's making the best of things and is thankful that her problems are relatively minor compared with the plight of farmers in some parts of the country, for whom she has the greatest sympathy.

Mr. Pauling, Ilbury Farm, Hempton. Although the animals on this farm have not so far been touched by the disease, Mr. Pauling is affected like every other farmer in the country, having to make sure no visitors carry infection, disinfecting straw etc. Discouraging unecessary visitors has meant closing footpaths crossing the farm, including a lane off the Duns Tew Road. Most regrettably, the notices advising closure of the right of way have been torn down at least once.

Robert Stilgoe. The Grounds Farm. (The farmhouse and much of Mr. Stilgoe's land lie in Adderbury parish but some is within Deddington's boundaries and, of course, it features in the Deddington Circular Walk.) Robert Stilgoe has a dairy herd and told us that they are placing their future in the hands of hope, disinfectant and the restriction of their own movements to the absolute necessary minimum. Mrs. Stilgoe does not leave the farm at all. They will not consider the crisis over until six weeks have elapsed without a new case. Both Mr. And Mrs. Stilgoe wished to express their heartfelt appreciation for the concern, support and thoughtfulness shown by so many people. *(Cont. next page.)*

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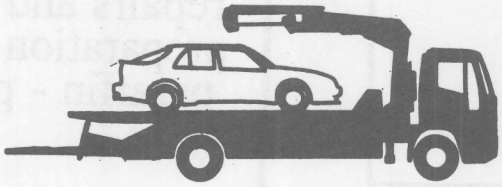

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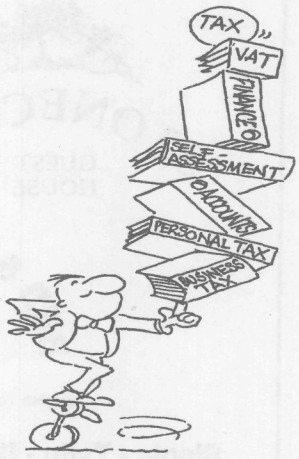

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Keeping your balance.....

FOOT AND MOUTH - *continued from previous page.*

Alastair and Debbie Welford, Leadenporch Farm, Deddington. Here, it is the same story of constantly disinfecting shoes, clothes, cars, and the curtailment of social activites. "No one comes to see us any more," said Debbie. The footpath that runs through their farm is closed, of course. Debbie expressly wished to thank people for respecting the closure notice. Only one essential service comes into the farm – the chicken feed. The Farm Manager's children missed school at first, though they are back now. The Welford sons were decreed "OK" by the Vet and allowed back to boarding school. Their daughter goes off to school in disinfected shoes. Debbie cannot visit her parents who live on a farm near Bicester. The only good point is that the Welford's beautiful Highland cattle are always indoors during the winter, mainly because of the mess their huge heavy feet make of the meadow. But this does mean that they are less at risk (from any airborne infection).

Brian Fuller, Earl's Farm, Deddington was not available for comment.

Ramblers and dog walkers may like to check the MAFF website for current advice and updates on the use of the countryside. The address is: www.maff.gov.uk

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Deddington OnLine www.deddington.org.uk

The bulletin board is up and running. Visitors to the website can post messages on a specific community topic and read previously posted messages. There are already comments on car parking and a Farmer's Market in the Parish. We'll answer your questions about who DOL are. Parishioners can post new topics directly onto the board. The bulletin board, with user friendly instructions, can be found at: http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum We welcome feedback on this innovation.

Colin Robinson's interview with Radio Oxford was broadcast on March 9. Colin described the link with our namesake in Tasmania and DOL was praised by the BBC team.

DOL is looking for volunteer readers. You don't need knowledge of or access to a computer. We will supply paper copies of our pages, in large print format if required. We are looking for people who enjoy reading popular newspapers or magazines, who can spot errors, inconsistencies and duplication. We would also welcome constructive ideas on the layout of the website material. There will not be any oppressive deadlines! Please contact me if you can help. COLIN CLARK 338064 or Colin.Clark@deddington.net

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY – APPEAL UPDATE

Cherwell District Council have made a grant of £3,335 in response to FDL's bid for a grant towards the Library alterations. The Friends thank the Council very much. They would also like to thank all the village businesses who have given so generously to the Sponsorship Fund for the Choros concert.

The concert, **"All Creatures Great and Small", is on Sunday, May 13, in the Parish Church at 4.30 pm**. (see flyer). Now all we need is an audience - SO PLEASE DO COME. All ages. It will be a lovely concert and we are very fortunate to have Choros singing for us under their talented conductor, Janet Lincé.

SUE GODDARD 338122

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LIBRARY FOOTNOTE: A copy of the findings of the Periodic Electoral Review, prepared by CDC last year, can be obtained from the Library. Ray Sones of Hempton is a consultant and has up-to-date information.

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HEYFORD PARK ROADSHOW EXHIBITION

Unfortunately the North Oxforshire Consortium's Heyford Park Roadshow largely co-incided with a briefing meeting for the Parish Parking Audit. NOC's booklet, *Former RAF Upper Heyford Non-Technical Summary*, includes the following:"creation of about a 1000 dwellings, with associated community, education, recreational and employment facilities." The site has been subject to the following considerations (among others): Human Beings: Traffic & Movement: Ecology: Geology & Hydrology: Drainage: Agri-cultural Land Quality: Air Quality: Noise: Archaeology & Cultural Heritage: Utility Services: Climate. Ed.

Congratulations to **Atar Shafighian of Hempton,** a pupil of Bloxham School, who has won the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Award (with his schoolmate, Ross Ferguson).

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

(Please address all letters to: Frank Steiner, 5 Chapman's Lane, Deddington
E-mail: f.steiner@onmail.co.uk*)*

FROM RICK HASLAM, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

I would like to pass on a couple of 'thanks' following the recent by-election for the Parish Council. Obviously, thank you to all the 400 plus parishioners who voted for John, Martin or myself. The turn-out was very encouraging for the future of the PC. Additionally, thank you to the team of dedicated deliverers who did a great job delivering strange photos of myself, in nasty weather !

I was very surprised, but delighted, to be elected and I hope I will be able to represent the Parish's views and work for the good of the whole community over the forthcoming 12 months.

FROM ELIZABETH TOTHILL, GOZO

(Apropos Deddington's Parking Audit) Gozo now has Traffic Wardens who wear brown uniforms and buzz round on little motorbikes, dishing out fixed penalty tickets, along with lectures on good driving habits, not obstructing others etc. They are called by their Englsih nomenclature. However, there is a Maltese word, pronounced (though not spelt) "wardin", which means "cockroach". So you can guess what Gozo Traffic Wardens are called !

FROM S.R. PAPWORTH, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the debate surrounding A-Boards *(DN 2.01. PC Report).* Like everyone one else I know, I feel that the numerous signs littered round our village add nothing to the area. They are a distraction to motorists and a hazard when elderly pedestrians try to manoeuvre round them. Apart from traders, can there be anyone else in Deddington who would support having them on show? Following a recent A-Board count on March 8, I found a grand total of 15 free-standing signs ! I would suggest their immediate removal, together with all other illegal notices/flyers on lamp posts and telegraph poles. Persistent offenders should be fined. Village notice boards should be utilised more to promote local and charity events, together with the free/low cost space available in the DN.

Whilst on the subject of eyesores, a derelict caravan and discarded builders' sand bags have lain dormant on the grass verges of the High Street for the past few years. These two offensive landmarks are one of the first things that visitors and residents see when they drive into our beautiful village. Surely someone from OCC has been notified of this before ?

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Stephanie Strachan, Happy Birthday, with Love, Mum and Robbie

Friends of Daeda's Wood

After a wonderful three months' globe trotting, it's grand to be back though pleasure is tempered by the sadness of a countryside under siege and its effects on our farmers and the rest of the rural economy. My thanks to Sue (Goddard) who held the Daeda's Wood fort in my absence and who co-ordinated a small crowd presence for a BBC filming planned last month. Alas, it was cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis, but may be resumed in the autumn.

Like all Woodland Trust properties **Daeda's Wood is closed** until further notice. I have just replaced the notice to that effect on the main gate as the original had disappeared and one or two optimistic dog walkers had assumed the ban was over. Please spread the word that it is not. It is pleasing to hear that an increasing number are respecting the appeal to clean up after their pets, though there was some fouling next to the dog bin! I found it interesting - and enviable - while in Perth, Western Australia, that in the spacious river-side parks, also widely used for dog walking, there is not a sign of faeces.

Someone reported that the wood seems to be enjoying its rest: more birds in residence and the odd muntjac strolling through the trees. At least something is gaining some benefit.

Congratulations to Jill Butler, the Woodland Trust's Officer for this area for her promotion to Conservation Policy Officer; but we shall miss her. We hope to meet her successor John Brown (01933-681295) soon.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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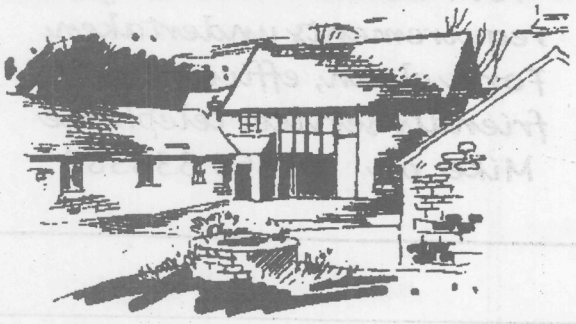

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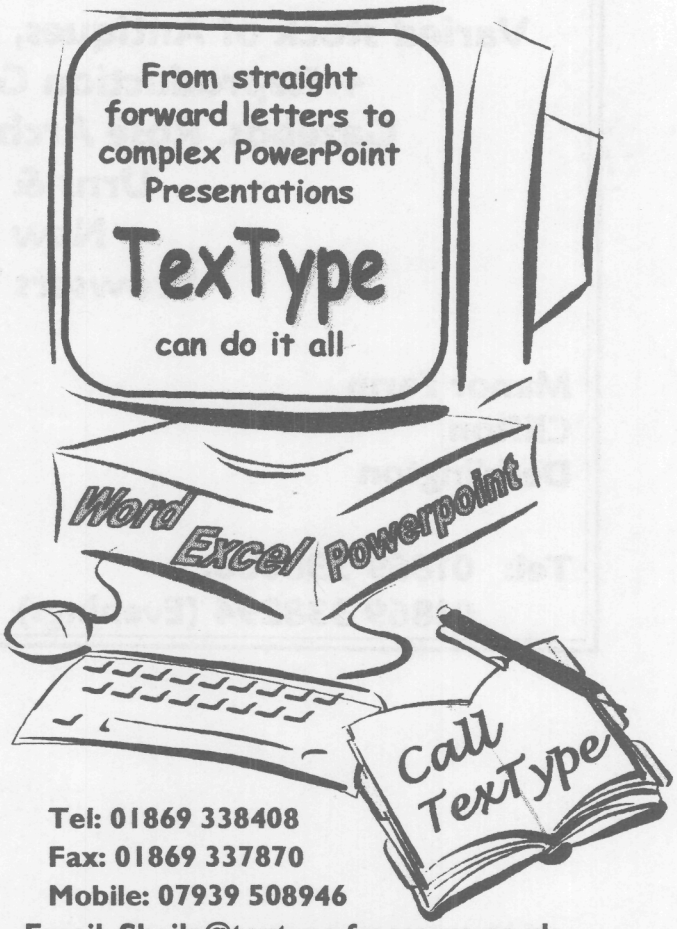

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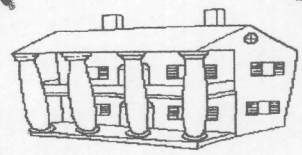

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1851

22nd MARCH - I walked down to Clifton to look at the stone dug for the Chapel and carted from Aynho by Malings the farmer. Spoke to Jas. Hopcraft about the stone who said it would do very well indeed, and make good work. I called at the butchers to order some meat sent to Jos. Wilkins, out of work.

30th MARCH - The census of the Kingdom was taken again today - 10 years having elapsed since a former one was taken.

31st MARCH - Went up to Mr. Field's on two Justices cases, a window breaking by two Irish tramps at house of Relieving Officer - convicted them in fine, damage and costs 11/-d. each or 14 days imprisonment; and a turnip stealing case against Thomas Rose of this place from Gibbard the farmer - convicted him in fine, value of turnips and costs in sum of 13/6d. or 3 weeks imprisonment, offered him time to pay it which he declined. All 3 persons went to prison.

2nd APRIL - Committed a man for trial to Sessions - for stealing a pair of high laced shoes from I. Wilsdon's shop in Hudsons's Lane. He and another tramp broke a large square of glass and effected the robbery, he came from Englefield, Nr. Reading.

19th APRIL - I went up to the Church with Jas Hopcraft, H. Franklin and W. Spiers to arrange about altering part of the chancel floor - and windows east.

24th APRIL - I married our Cook, Hannah Alcock, after living with us for 10½ years, to Wm. Dean the second son of old Wm. Dean a respectable farmer of this place - by Licence - having obtained the officiating Clergyman's leave so to do - of course I took no fee.

GARDENING NOTES

In February I said something about bringing greenery indoors. Here are a few more suggestions about that. Later on in the season I find Mint, especially when it's in flower, very attractive. In fact there are a number of herbs which do very well. Parsley is one, Rosemary another, and Chives when in bloom. I avoid Sage: the flower smells awful. Incidentally, try Rosemary in your bath, it gives out a delicious scent. Most ordinary flower leaves can be picked and do well indoors. Hostas are good, as are Geranium leaves and they both last well, as does Astrantia (the flowers are like little Victorian posies.)

The best branches to bring in, I think, are bits of the small-leaved Eucalyptus. Unfortunately they are not keen on our climate. They don't like being too cold or too dry. I lost one little tree during a very dry spell and its successor in the winter. But if you are willing to persist with watering and a little protection the result is very rewarding.

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ON THE FARM

The sword of Damocles is once again hanging over livestock farming and none of us knows where it will strike next or when it will all end. Lambing is in full swing and the ewes are dropping their lambs at a very fast rate. We had 300 ewes lamb in 6 days so we are all short of sleep and very tired. This is something that happens every year but is worth it when you see the lambs at play out on the meadows. This year the foot-and-mouth crisis has put the Spring on hold as we may not have any lambs to put on the meadows even if the flood water goes down. The farm is under siege with nothing on or off the farm unless it has been covered in disinfectant. The footpaths are all closed and we say a big 'thank you' for everyone's help in the fight by staying away, although we miss being able to have a chat with the regulars. We should have sold 300 tons of wheat and 200 tons of beans this month but it is just too big a risk to allow the lorries onto the farm, so with rent day coming we shall just have to pull the belt in yet again and hope the Bank Manager will be understanding.

The crops look well and we did manage to get the spring beans planted at the end of February but after the recent rain the ground is still too wet to do much field work. We have had one of the wettest winters on record but in a perverse sort of way it may have saved us. The ewes were flooded off the meadows in early October so we sold what remained of last year's lambs to make room for the breeding ewes on higher ground. Normally we would have been selling lambs up to the end of February; as it is we have had no livestock movements on or off the farm since October. Again, because of the weather the ewes have been housed since mid-November with no contact with any other sheep. The virus can be spread in many ways: on the wind, on clothing and vehicles or by wildlife. Some of the ewes and lambs are now out in the paddocks as we have no more room in the buildings.

So the siege goes on. We have done all we can to minimize the risks but with farming finances in the state they are, the loss of the flock even with compensation could mean the end for us. So our future is in the lap of the gods. **GEORGE FENEMORE 338203**

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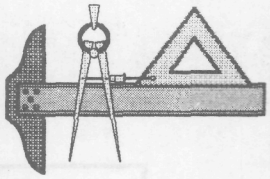

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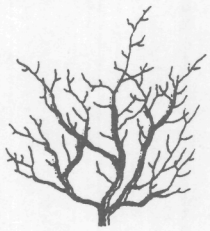

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Fund raising : Over the last 12 months the crew of Deddington Fire Station has raised £2,200 for the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund and £600 for the NSPCC. I'm sure you'll agree this is a magnificent achievement.
Crew : We were very sad to have to say goodbye to Gill Evans last month. She had to leave due to other commitments. We all miss her greatly. However, we have a new recruit starting next week: Neil Radbourne. We look forward to welcoming him to the crew.

ANNE WATERS (Acting Sub Officer)

EXTRACT FROM OFFICIAL MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2001, HELD IN OPEN SESSION

Stonepit Land, Hempton Cllr Flux reported that a letter was received from Mr Middleditch in August 2000 requesting that his client, Mr Calcutt of Hempton, be allowed to buy the land known as Stonepit. At that time the Clerk replied that the Council leased the land and the lessee, Mr West of High Street, Deddington, had not given intention of notice to quit.

At this point, Cllr Clinch intervened and asked that councillors be allowed to express their concerns that this correspondence had not been reported to the Council and that when parish land is concerned all Councillors should be kept informed. Some newer members of the Council were not aware that the Council owned the land until it appeared as an asset on the Audited Accounts approved at the last meeting. Speculation had taken place about possible development of the land. Cllr Flux explained that the letter received in August had been dealt with routinely as no action was necessary, the land was leased and not available for sale. He apologised that the correspondence had not been reported at the September meeting. Mr West telephoned the Clerk and confirmed the cancellation of the lease later in the year and he has not yet put the matter in writing. Cllr Flux stated that he then consulted with the Vice Chairman, Cllr Todd regarding the possible use of the land. Options were considered including the possibility of affordable housing. However, it was born in mind that the Council has previously agreed that no more peripheral development should take place. The meeting agreed that the land should be valued. Cllrs Todd and Miss Hill and the Clerk also met with Mr Buxton, Planning Officer, at Cherwell DC to investigate the attitude of the Local Authority regarding future use of the land. An item was included on the agenda for the February meeting. This was to be discussed in closed session. Cllr Flux stressed that no decisions had been or would have been made without the matter being considered by the Council. The Chairman had considered that the matter should be discussed in closed session to avoid speculation from local estate agents or other interested parties.

Cllrs Flux and Todd stressed that meeting with Cherwell DC was purely an exercise in ascertaining the value of the land and pointed out that the best value must be obtained in respect of all council assets. It would not be best value to allow the land to lay fallow and to have no income or use appertaining to it. Cllr Newey stated that it appeared that it was procedure that was incorrect in this matter and there appeared to be a lack of communication between councillors. Cllr Mrs Davies felt that the matter should have been put before the council before the February meeting. Cllr Clarke requested that the letter from Mr Middleditch be read for all to hear, however, the letter was not available at the meeting. Mr Clarke also expressed his concern regarding the date of Mr West's notice in respect of the land as he had been informed that this had been given earlier than indicated by the Clerk. Cllr Flux stated that a certain amount of trust had to be allowed to enable working groups to perform their functions.The Clerk is the council's Chief Financial Officer and as such must represent the Council in its best interests; this involves attending meetings such as with the Planning Authority.

It was agreed that, to avoid similar situations in the future, all correspondence will continue to be presented to the Council in list form, as at the last meeting. It was also agreed that a review of Working Groups and procedures would take place and guidelines would be drawn up to make the procedures clear. These procedures would include guidelines on who should attend statutory meetings etc. It was also agreed that a site plan of Stonepit would be sent to all Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Clinch that discussion of the Stonepit land should take place at the next meeting and that a working party should be formed to investigate possibilities for its future use. Seconded by Cllr Newey. 11 in favour, 1 against.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

On Sunday 18 March Sharna Marie Rose was christened. The Church was full of family and friends and the service conducted by the Rev. David Nicol. This was possibly his last Service in St. John's before he takes up his appointment in Derbyshire. Best wishes to David and his family in their new Parish. The Rev. Hugh White will be our new vicar by the time you read this and he will conduct the special Easter Service at 11.30pm on Easter Eve, Saturday 14 April. This was a Service introduced to St. John's by the last Vicar, Ken Reeves. We hope for a good congregation as numbers for this Service have decreased in recent years. Last month I mentioned a Quiz Night on April 20 but no organising for this event has been done so I think late May, either the 18th or 25th, is more realistic, with possibly a Wine Tasting evening in late June. I will keep everyone informed.

Seeing all the Spring flowers growing in the grass verge as you enter the village reminds me of the late Mr. Dennis Washington, who had many of these planted over the years. Dennis and Grace used to live opposite me in the Lane and I still miss seeing him riding round in his electric wheelchair. What many people may not know is that Dennis was one of the first passengers on Concorde, flying from Paris to Rio.

Any news for next month, please let me know. **LES CHAPPELL 338054**

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The good news is that Oxfordshire County Council has said it is willing to spend up to £4000 to provide a new footpath along the main road from Tithe Lane to the top of the hill. The Parish Council has agreed to meet any costs over this amount to ensure the work is completed. Clifton Parish Councillor Linda Davies has also asked the County Council for a figure for the lower half of the village, from the mill to the pub, a risky route for all pedestrians but especially for children who have to walk up and down that stretch for the school bus. This means that the survey mentioned in last month's article will not now take place but if you have any views on the subject Linda would be pleased to hear from you. Call her on 337360. The thoughts of all Cliftonians are with our local farming families during the current foot-and-mouth outbreak. **JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128**

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April, 2001

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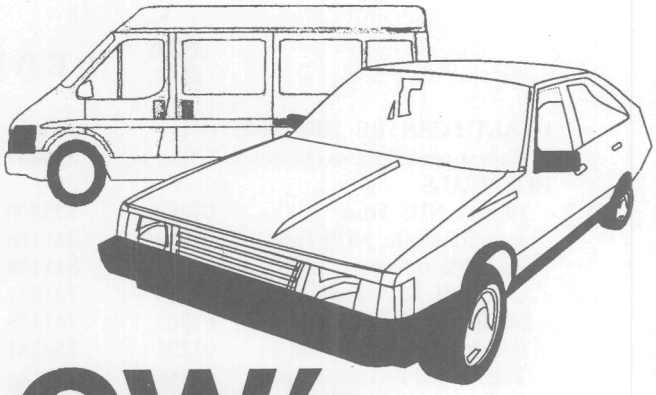

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